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SUBJECT: YUGOSLAV-ETHIOPIAN JOINT COMMUNIQUE: A SHIFT TO

"POSITIVE NON-ALIGNMENT?"

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1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED: ETHIOPIAN MEDIA HAVE PUBLISHED JOINT ETHIOPIAN-YUGOSLAV COMMUNIQUE (POUCHING TEXT) "ISSUED HERE" MARCH AS THE RESULT OF EPMG DELEGATION TO YUGOSLAVIA. COMMUNIQUE REPEATED POINTS CONTAINED PARA 2 OF BELGRADE 996, LISTED THE YUGOSLAV AND ETHIOPIAN OFFICIALS WHO TOOK PART IN THE DISUCSSIONS, AGREED TO CONVENE AN ETHIOPIAN-YUGOSLAV "MIXED COMMISSION FOR ECONOMIC COOPERATION" IN ADDIS ABABA IN THE NEAR FUTURE, DESCRIBED THE SITES VISITED BY THE EPMG DELEGATION IN YUGOSLAVIA ANDN TRESSED "NON-ALIGNED" POSITIONS.

2. IN THE CMMUNIQUE, BOTH DELEGATIONS SUPPORTED THE RESOLUTIONS OF THE 4TH CONFERENCE OF NON-ALIGNED NATIOA HELD IN ALGIERS, AND THE RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED AT THE 6TH SPECIAL SESSION OF THE UNGA CALLING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A "NEW AND MORE JUST EQUAL ORDER." BOTH SIDES WELCOMED THE EARLY GRANTING OF INDEPENDENCE OF THE PORTUGUESE AFRICAN TERRITORIES, CONDEMNEQIIMPERIALISM, COLONIALISM, CONFIDENTIAL

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NEO-COLONIALISM, RACISM, AND APARTHEID IN SOUTHERN AFRICA AND

SUPPORTED THE "JUSTIFIED" DEMANDS OF THE ARAB PEOPLE IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

3. IN CALLING FOR A SOLUTION TO THE CYPRUS CRISIS AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PARIS AGREEMENTS ON VIETNAM, THE JOINT COMMUNIQUE STATED THAT IT WAS NECESSARY "TO HELP THE STRUGGLE OF THE PEOPLE OF CAMBODIA FOR THE (SIC) LIBERATION." END UNCLASSIFIED.

4. BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL. COMMENT. ALTHOUGH THE JOINT COMMUNIQUE DEALS PRIMARILY WITH ETHIOPIAN-YUGOSLAV BILATERAL INTERESTS AND THE USUAL NODS TO NON-ALIGNED CONCERNS, WE NOTE THE CAMBODIA STATEMENT IS A DEPARTURE FROM THE PREVIOUS EPMG POSITION OF TRUE NON-ALIGNMENT ON THE CAMBODIAN ISSUE. IN THIS REGARD, IT IS OF INTEREST THAT A WELL-INFORMED USUALLY RELIABLE SOURCE DESCRIBES ONE MEMBER OF THE ETHIOPIAN DELEGATION TO YUGOSLAVIA, SHIFERAW JAMMO, THE NEWLY APPOINTED COMMISSIONER OF PLANNING (PLANNING COMMISSION REPLACED MIN OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT), AS A "LONG TIME AND DEVOUT COMMUNIST WHO UNDERSTANDS THAT COMMUNISM IS ALL ABOUT." OUR FILES, HOWEVER, CONTAIN NO RPT NO COLLATERAL TO SUPPORT THIS ASSERTION.
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